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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Paul Dinh

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,2,5 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is a response to the election without traverse filed on 12/16/05

Claims 1-6 are pending.

Request for Reconsideration of Restriction Requirement

The applicant states that although the election is made without traverse. However, the Examiner is nevertheless requested to reconsider the Species Election Requirement because all of the species are drawn to subject matter which is so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining all of the species in a single application. (See, e.g., MPEP j 803).

The request has been fully considered and the examiner decides to maintain the Restriction requirement and to make the restriction requirement final because even though the subject matter are related, the limitation in the claimed groups recite different subject matter and thus, the claimed groups are not generic. Due to different subject matter in the claimed groups, proper search and proper examination of the entire application cannot be made without serious burden on the examiner.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

- a. The non-elected without traverse claims 1-2 and 5-6 must be canceled.
- b. Claim 3 is objected to because ratio "X" must be clearly defined in claim 3, i.e., x is a ratio of what over what. Correction is required.
- c. Claims 3 and 4 are objected to because it is not clear as to the relationship between the limitation "steady state during circuit operation of a partially depleted SOI MOSFET is found" and the steps increasing, finding, and extrapolating. Correction is required.

Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims.

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Reasons for Allowance

Claims 3-4 would be allowable because the prior art does not teach or suggest a method of performing a SPICE calculation and device simulation for a partially depleted SOI MOSFET formed on an SOI substrate in the manner as recited in the claims.

Conclusion

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Paul Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1890. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Chiang can be reached on 571-272-7483. The fax number for the organization handling this application is 571-273-8300.

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Paul Dinh
Primary Examiner

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Dinh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.